

The Situation in Weber County.

There is nothing but politics in Weber these days. The campaign is on in earnest and there will be no let up till the entire Republican ticket is elected on November 4th. We had Senator Clark from Wyoming, who spoke to empty benches because it was understood he came as the special champion of Kearns. This week we had Bryan, and the way the "boy orator" handed it to the Republicans was a caution. Bryan is the ideal Democrat. He is "agin the Government" from benevolent assimilation to settling the coal strike. He never fails to withhold the just measure of praise from a Republican for a commendable act, while he will go miles out of his way to stick up for a Democrat especially if said Democrat is of the Bryan brand.

In this regard Bryan has a bold follower in Uncle John Seaman. Uncle John can't be convinced that any good can come from any Republican and with that idea in his mind he began, early in the week, a general attack on Republican office holders. Unfortunately for Uncle John he undertook to show that public acts which he as commissioner had fathered were all wrong when Republican commissioners followed his example. In other words, what is right for a Democrat to do is all wrong for a Republican. Uncle John will not recognize that sauce for the Democratic goose should be sauce for the Republican gander. He insists that no good can come from Nazareth, while all the virtues in the heavens above or in the earth beneath originated in the good old Democratic party of Cleveland, Bryan, Judge King and Judge Dee.

And that is why Uncle John set out to carry the election for the Democrats—by jumping on the Republicans in the courthouse with both feet, and charging everything from unlawful cohabitation with the salary fund to criminal intimacy with padded payrolls. The sequel proved that Uncle John was simply a filthy bird that befouled his own nest, for the county records show that he originated the very methods which he chastises the Republicans for following. Such is politics in Weber. To the credit of the Democratic party be it said, it is doubtful if they approve of Uncle John's methods. However, the Democratic rank and file is so sore on Shurtliff that they follow blindly Uncle John, who stands as the political and social opposite of everything for which the Weber president is famous.

It is said Judge Dee did not like the way in which the Weekly lately rung the changes on his political standing. Of course he did not. How could he? Here he is, a sound money man, sane in business and wise in politics, suddenly forced into a place in the lead of the party with which he has been training locally for ten years. That would be all right if there were no afterclap. But here comes Free Silver Bryan a stumping up to Ogden town and Judge Dee has to go out and shout with never a chance to wink the other eye. After a while will come King preaching reciprocity with Cuba and Judge Dee will have to sit and look wise as he consoles himself with the thought that Howell will be against reciprocity anyway, and he is going to be elected. So Judge Dee has his crosses like the rest of us but his punishment is more than he deserves.

The Republican ticket is going to win easily in Weber, notwithstanding the talk of impending calamity and the threatened suicide of the Gentile vote. The reason is that there are just naturally more Republicans than any other brand up here and there is not disaffection enough to hurt. Besides there is always a reserve which the g. o. p. managers can draw on so long as Joseph F. is prophet, seer and revelator. The Lord may always be relied upon to take care of his own, you know, but why the Lord's help should be forthcoming in Weber is a mystery, as the Legislative nominees are all for Sutherland. They were all selected from the Sutherland camp and there is no reason for any of them to break faith. It is hardly probable that Smoot will get a call from Weber.

Your Uncle Bill is still doing the sphinx act. Not a word in praise or blame of any nominee is something remarkable for Bill. The silence around the Standard office is felt with apprehension in more places than at committee headquarters. The Democrats look for him to have a violent eruption when he is fully satisfied the Republicans will win; while on the other hand the Republicans say they will continue satisfied if he will stand pat and say nothing. Bill is a tower of strength if he is right, but he has an awful time getting right unless he is on the ticket. He has been criticised as an ingrate—for taking the highest office in town and then letting his Republican associates shift for themselves. The censure is no doubt deserved; but if Bill did not do that he would lose his identity as Bill. And that's the moral: Boys may cease to be boys, but Bill is always Bill.

The Rubaiyat of Jacob Moritz

See de young Sun vid such a Lovliness
Make risings in its Yellowness of dress
Up dere behind dose Brewery crested hills—
Ach, who would make de Output any less.

Und in de shadow of dat Brewerie's fame
A Statesman lives who plays a mighty Game
Und those who know, dey call de trouble "Politics"
Nein, modesty vill not permit his name.

Because de Inner Man, I try to cheer
Vid bubblings of der chulcy amper Peer
Der vimmin Folks get such an Angriness
Und Angriness is not de Vorst, I fear.

Vy is it dat dey Care, de Peer is Fine,
No better Peer is brewed along de Rhine.
Ah voe to those who Butted in und Spoiled
Plebian tastes by buying Vimmin vine.

Dey say de Vild Oat seed is vot I Sow
By making Peer, und dat is All dey Know
Der Vimmin folks in Politics is Quveer
Who try to Save de young Boccacio.

Back, back to de Lagoon vid Bamberger,
Und rouse mit Him who started up de Stir,
For Me und Tom und Smoot is running tings
Und vant no oppositions to occur.

Some resolutions Prefaced by a Row
Cares corrogated Wrinkles in my Brow.
Ach Gott, dere vos some Peace before dese Politics
But dat is gone, dere's Something diding Now.

Und ven Yourself vid Vobbly foot shall Pass,
Among de Votes all scattered on de Grass,
Und in your Choyous errand Reach de Spot
Vere I cast Mine, turn down an Empty Glass.
T. G.

The man who knew him happened in while he was trying to give a good impression of his industrial value.

"Yes, sir," he was saying, "I guess I have the reputation of being a hard worker. Why, sir, I'd rather work than eat."

The man who happened in touched him on his shoulder.

"If that is really your condition now," suggested the new arrival, "you'd better see a doctor and get something for your appetite before you starve to death."—Chicago Post.

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